

The 1949 Echo

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of

ELKHART COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ELKHART, ILLINOIS.

The class of '49 has chosen Mr. Stumm to be the most honored citizen in our community.

Mr. Stumm began teaching in Elkhart in 1936. After 7 years of teaching here, he joined the armed forces in 1943 and served in Africa for 2 years. He then returned to Elkhart in 1946.

We feel that Mr. Stumm is worthy of the dedication of this ECHO because of all the interest he takes in everything about him. He spent many extra hours teaching the G. I.'s after the end of the war. His boys also receive many 'extra' hours of instruction, for he follows each boy's project to its completion. Always willing to help others and cooperate with everyone—this is Mr. Stumm.

We hereby dedicate this ECHO to the highest dignitary in 'Our Town,' Mr. Stumm.





William Stumm

Foreword

"The song is ended but the melody lingers on."

So it is with our high school days. The memories of the many happy hours spent in "Our Town" of ECHS will linger with us as we take our places as citizens in tar communities.

And, to help you recall the pleasant events of this past year, we, the class of '49, present to you this ECHO, "Our Town."

Our Council

When the "young dignitaries" of E. C. H. S. assumed for a time the responsibilities of "Our Town," they retained the group of council members who have so faithfully guided many young groups through the educational courses of E. C. H. S.

Of this group, Mr. Durwood Lanterman, is the only charter member of the Elkhart Community High School board, but all have served long enough to understand fully the problems that arise. All, too, realize the responsibilities that come with such positions, and strive to the best of their ability to maintain a school of such high standards that students, faculty and community all appreciate their efforts.

The young dignitaries appreciate the guidance of these council members. They thank the board for the chance to publish the Echoette without having to raise extra funds to sponsor this project. They are proud of a well kept school, the beautiful lawn, and the excellent equipment with which to work.

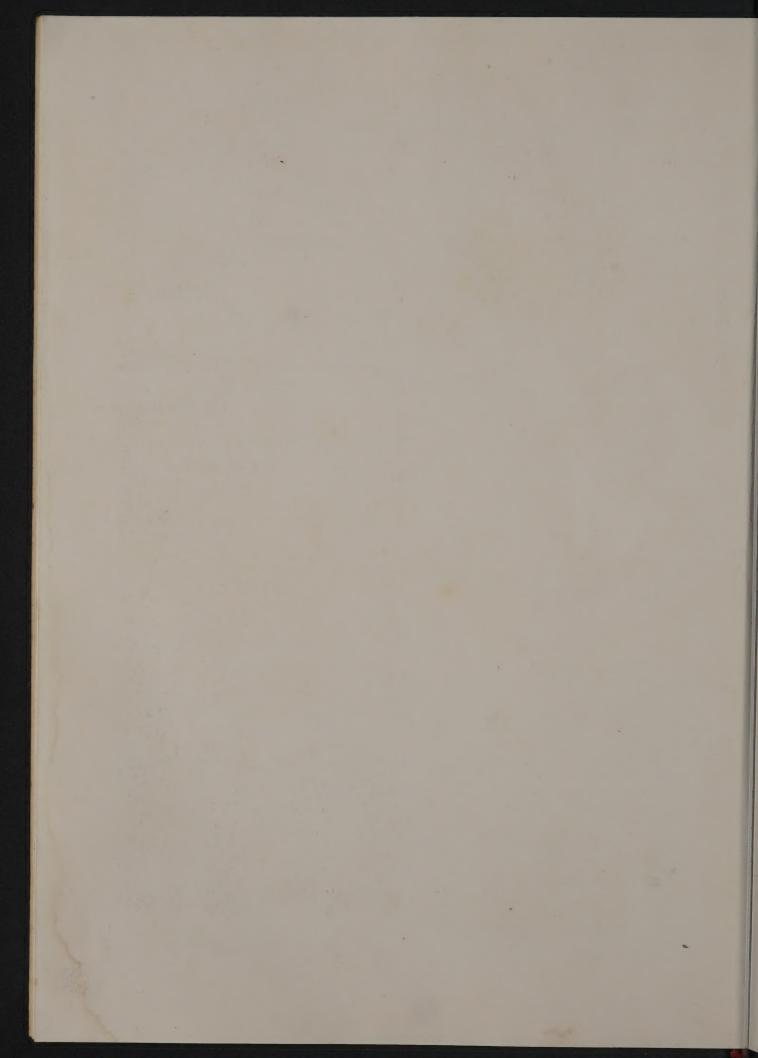
SCHOOL BOARD

Left to Right: Maurice Dee; Clarence Kerschner; John Danaher, president; Durwood Lanterman, secretary; Stephen Walsh; Walter Ritchie, principal.





SCHOOL



Faculty

W. W. Ritchie, Principal Mathematics and Physics

B.Ed., Western Illinois State College M.S., University of Illinois

Miss Kathryn Bradley Band, Choruses, Girls' P. E.

B.M.E., Wesleyan University

Miss Lucy Giger English

A.B., Iowa State Teachers' College University of Chicago

Mr. Joseph Grohovsky Commerce

B.S., Indiana State Teachers' College

Mr. John Mull
History and Athletics

B.S.Ed., Missouri Valley College University of Colorado

Miss Margaret Neill Home Economics, Science

B.Ed., Western Illinois State College Colorado State College

Mr. William Stumm
Agriculture

B.S., University of Illinois Colorado State College

Miss Mary J. Deters Office Secretary

E.C.H.S. Graduate, 1946



Seniors



Jack Baumgardner . . . "Jackie"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; Sportsmen's Club 46-47-48-49; "Guess Again" 49; ECHO 49; Echoette 49; Class Vice-President 47; F.F.A. Treasurer 48; F.F.A.

Joe Bushell "Bush"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; Sportsmen's Club 47-48; ECHO 49; Echoette 49.

Donald Gleason . . . "Duck"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; "If This Be Bliss" 48.

Dorothy Damarin . . "Dorothy"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; F.H.A. Secretary-Treasurer 47; Chorus 46-47; G.A.A. 47; ECHO 49; Echoette 49; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49.

Richard Lanterman . "Rich-Rich"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; Sportsmen's Club 47-48-49; "Creatures of Impulse" 49; ECHO 48-49; Echoette 49.

Mary Miller "Mary"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; Librarian 48-49; G.A.A. 47; ECHO 49; Echoette 49; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; "Creatures of Impulse" 49; Band 46-47-48-49.

Phyllis Olson . . . "S'Ann"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; Librarian 47-48-49; G.A.A. 47; ECHO 49; Echoette 49; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; "Creatures of Impulse" 49; Band 46-47-48-49; Class Secretary-Treasurer 49.

Barbara Irish "Barb"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-49; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; "Creatures of Im-pulse" (9).

of 1949

Clifford Oltmanns . . . "Cliff"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49, F.F.A. Reporter 48, F.F.A. Vice-President 49; Class President 47; Class Secretary-Treasurer 48; Chorus 46-47-48-49; "If This Be Bliss 48; "Guess Again" 49; Sportsman's club 47-48-49; "Creatures of Impulse" 49 ECHO 47-48-49; Echoette 49

Joe Ott "Joe-Joe"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; "If This Ee Bliss 48; Class President 48.

Frances Weatherby . . . "Fran"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; Band 46-47-48; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; Echoette Editor 49; ECHO 47-48; G.A.A. 47; Librarian 48; Cheerleader 48; "Creatures of Impulse,, 49; Class President 49.

Phyllis Walsh "Stevie"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; Band 47-48-49; Librarian 46; Band President 49; Class Secretary-Treasurer, 46; Class Vice-President 49; F. H.A. President 47; Section 13 President 48; Song Leader 48; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; "Creatures of Impulse" 49; G.A.A. 47; Echoette 49; ECHO 46-47; ECHO Assistant Editor 48; ECHO Editor 49.

David Turner "Dusty" F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; Sportsmen's Club 46-47-48-49; ECHO 49; Echoette 49.

Lawrence Stoltz . . . "Stoltzie"

F.F.A. 47-48; Band 47.

John Radtke . . . "Radar"

F.F.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; Sportsmen's Club 46-47-48; "If This Be Bliss 48; "Guess Again" 49; School Photographer 48-49; ECHO Assistant Business Manager 48; ECHO Business Manager 49; Echoette 49; Librarian 46; Class Secretary-Treaurer 47; F.F.A. Watchdog 48; F.F.A. Secretary 49.

Erma Pickett . . . "Clementine"

F.H.A. 46-47-48-49; Chorus 46-47-48-49; ECHO 49; G.A.A. 47; "If This Be Bliss" 48; "Guess Again" 49; "Creatures of Impulse" 49; Echoette Asssitant Editor 49.



Class History

In September of 1945, twenty-six lively "Small Fries" came to live at E. C. H. S. for the next four years. The first highlight of their high school career was initiation. Electing Marian Burns, Pat Gleason and Phyllis Walsh to carry on the activities of the town, the class, with the help of their sponsor, Mr. Stumn, gave an all-school party which was one of the most outstanding parties of the year.

As "Teen Agers" the town chose Clifford Oltmanns, Jackie Baumgardner and John Radtke as their leaders. Miss Margaret Neill, class sponsor, and twenty-three members of the class enjoyed a lovely spring day at the Art Museum and Forest Park in St.

In September of 1947, twenty-three pupils returned to E. C. H. S. after a short recess to become "Young Voters." With Joe Bushell as president, Joe Ott, vice-president, and Clifford Oltmanns, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Faye Kern, class sponsor, the class held a prom in honor of the seniors, faculty and board members. One of the big events of the year was the three-act play, "If This Be Bliss."

Entering their last year as sophisticated "dignitaries," the class had a final enrollment of seventeen. Frances Weatherby was chosen as mayor, with Phyllis Walsh head councilor and Phyllis Olson, secretary-treasurer. Members of the class worked faithfully on the "Echoette," which was published bi-monthly, the "ECHO," selling popcorn, candy and "coke." The seniors thank Miss Lucy Giger, class sponsor, who has been very helpful throughout their four years of living at E. C. H. S.



* * * Prophecy

I am a master of the Occult Sciences and because of this, I am able to show you the future. Ten years from now I see:

DONALD BALL laying the cornerstone of his huge hospital dedicated to scientific research on the rabbit.

JACKIE BAUMGARDNER, owner of a series of Jack, Be Nimble, Cash and Carry Markets which have practicaly run the A&P out of busi-

JOE BUSHELL, a comedian on his own radio show, "Try to Stop Me," sponsored by the Priceless Pickle Packing Co.

DOROTHY DAMARIN celebrating her ninth wedding anniversary at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. She left her eight children home with the maid.

DONALD GLEASON, a wealthy western ranch owner, selling 20,000 head of Angora goats annually to Swift and Co.

DICK LANTERMAN and JOE OTT, partners in raising "shmoos" in the desert.

MARY MILLER, now a famous nurse lecturing at various high schools to get new recruits.

Prophecy (Cont'd)

PHYLLIS ANN OLSON, a private secretary to Samuel Goldwyn in Hollywood.

CLIFFORD OLTMANNS in the unusual occupation of testing mattresses for the Slumber Long Spring Company.

ERMA PICKETT as another famous career woman operating a "charm" school for sub-debs.

JOHN RADTKE, Elkhart's friendly undertaker has just embalmed his fifth cadaver in five years. Kind of a dead business, John.

LAWRENCE STOLTZ becoming fabulously wealthy overnight by discovering oil on his small farm near Elkhart.

DAVID TURNER, world-famous sharpshooter doing big game hunting in South Africa for the rare and almost extinct unicorn.

PHYLLIS WALSH directing her play, "Yesterday's Tomorrow," a smash hit on Broadway for three months.

FRANCES WEATHERBY, as editor of a popular woman's magazine, "Tasty Trifles for Todd-

After such a heavy occult experience of envisioning the other sixteen members I relax by writing a poem called, "Doomed to Despair."

BARBARA IRISH.



* * * * Class Will

We, the class of 1949, being of sound body, well-crammed brain and excellent memory, do herby make and publish our last will and testament.

To the School-We, the seniors, leave all the badly worn typewriters.

To the Faculty-We, the seniors, leave hope that there will be many more wellbehaved, brilliant, and lovable classes like ours.

To the Juniors—We, the seniors, leave our desks in the assembly. We also leave them any outstanding debts for popcorn, coke or candy.

To the Sophomores-We, the sophisticated seniors, leave our clear-mindedness and our leadership.

To the Freshmen—We, the seniors, leave our good behavior in study hall.

Personal Bequests:

- I, DONALD BALL, will my ability to get into mischief to William Weidhuner.
- I, JACK BAUMGARDNER, will my position as president in F. F. A. to Bill Yard.
- I, **JOE BUSHELL**, will my brains to Ray Mercker. You surely will need them in physics.
- I, DOROTHY DAMARIN, will my seat in the study hall to Bill Davis.
- I, ${f DONALD\ GLEASON},$ will my ability to pick women to Larry Wilham.
- I, BARBARA IRISH, will my long hair to Mary Ann Olson.
- I, DICK LANTERMAN, will my singing ability to James Ward.
- I, MARY MILLER, will my good nature to Mary Tierney. You certainly will need it to meet the troubles in your senior year.

- I, PHYLLIS OLSON, will my ability to get A's to Lester Carter.
- I, CLIFFORD OLTMANNS, will my ability to make good grades to Bob Hahn.
- I, JOE OTT, will my pinching ability to Paul Awe.
- I, ERMA PICKETT, will my errorless typing to Wayne Stoltz.
- I, JOHN RADTKE, will my position as school photographer to Henry Lanterman.
- I, LAWRENCE STOLTZ, will my trim figure to Vernelle Dennison.
- I, DAVID TURNER, will my height to Jack Pickett.
- I, PHYLLIS WALSH, leave my ability to get the car whenever I want to my sister.
- I, FRANCES WEATHERBY, will the head-aches of setting up the Echoette dummy to Charlene Parks.



First Row: G. King, B. Neavill, M. Fields, C. Parks, L. Brennan, M. Tierney.

Second Row: J. Grohovsky, W. Payne, G. Suttory, K. Svenson, G. Van Fossan, J. Ball, R. Mercker, R. F. Lanterman.

Third Row: B. Davis, W. Stolz, L. Carter, L. Hanner, B. Yard, R. Hahn.

JUNIORS "Young Voters"

Nineteen young voters were on hand to begin their junior year with a "bang."

These nineteen high-spirited, young people met with Mr. Grohovsky, their sponsor, to elect their council for the coming activities. Bill Davis was elected to the honored office of president, Larry Hanner, appointed to assist him as vice-president, and Mary Tierney, a new acquaintance to our town, acquired the title of secretary and treasurer.

The first big job in which everyone of the class participated was the sale of stationery. This resulted in a deposit of \$80 to the young voters' treasury.

As Christmas neared, the active young voters sold Christmas cards and netted a profit of \$170.

A Christmas party and program sponsored by the group was enjoyed by the faculty and students. After the program and the exchange of gifts and cards, refreshments of Christmas cookies, candy canes, and apples were served.

One of the most outstanding events was "Mother Does the Talking," a three-act comedy which proved exciting and profitable to the class.

As you may have guessed, most of the class funds were to go towards the big event of the year, the junior-senior prom, given by the class in honor of the senior class, faculty and members of the school board.



First Row: W. Hickey, J. Pickett, H. Hall, D. Hinds, M. Sanders, G. Gieseke, C. Davis Second Row: M Neill, W. Weidhuner, P. Crowe, J. Thompson, J. Ward, J. Dennison, L. Wilham. Third Row: V. Plummer, L. Gleason, D. Boyer, T. Dains, W. Dennison, V. Dennison, C. Ebbersten

SOPHOMORES "Jeen agers"

At the beginning of the year twenty-one teenagers entered Elkhart High. After school got under way, the class met with its new sponsor, Miss Neill, to elect the class officers. James Ward was elected president; Vernelle Dennison, vice-president, and Dolores Hinds, secretary-treasurer.

At the homecoming the group sold chances on a basket of groceries, sold pop during the game, and had the shooting gallery.

The sophomore class sponsored a Halloween party, and everyone was asked to come masked.

Some of the teenagers enrolled in band and in the choruses, and took part in the operetta, "Creatures of Impulse." In addition seven of the boys took part in basketball and baseball.



First Row: N. Davis, V. Yocum, M. Olson, F. Neavill, B. Bertsche, N. Van Fossan, K. Walsh.

Second Row: K. Bradley, R. Hubbard, H. Carpenter, H. Parker, M. Dennison, W. Dobey, H. Lanterman, J. Stahl, A. Tierney.

Third Row: B. Bertsche, D. Sivert, J. Dee, J. Greer, D. Pankey, P. Awe, D. Dains.

FRESHMEN "Small Fry"

Twenty-one "small fry" gathered at the educational system of the Elkhart community last September. After being initiated, they felt more at ease and began to take school life in their stride.

With Miss Bradley as sponsor they elected Wayne Dobey as head commissioner, Jack Dee as his assistant, and Kathleen Walsh as chief counselor.

Two of the "small fry" moved to other villages, but two others moved in and took their places.

At the homecoming the class sold popcorn, had a fish pond, and told fortunes to make a profit of \$24.54. These "young fry" ranked highest in selling basketball season tickets. Quite a few of the members joined band and chorus, and several of them took part in the operetta. Another of their achievements was an all-school party given in April.



ATHLETICS





First Row: L Gleason, V. Dennison, T. Dains, R. Hahn, L. Hanner. Second Row: J. Dennison, R. Mercker, J. Ott, W. Payne, D. Gleason, Coach Mull. Third Row: P. Awe, D. Pankey, J. Dee, J. Ward, C. Davis.

Baseball

The Elkhart Baseball Team had a fair season this year considering the inexperience of most of the players. Hahn, Hanner, and Payne have been the regular hurlers for this hustling ball club.

Only two of thirteen lettermen will be lost by graduation this year. This means that we should have a good, experienced crew back this fall.

The record of wins and losses is given below.

Fall Schedule			Spring Schedule
Team	We	They	Team We They
Middletown	1	4	Lanphier 4 10
	T.		Middletown 14 7
Beason	0	3	Cathedral 2 5
New Holland	14	11	Latham 7 4
Hartsburg-Emden	9	15	Mt. Pulaski 0 15
	4	19	Middletown 11 3
Latham	4	6	
Mt. Pulaski	2	17	Athens 6 11
Atlanta	9	15	Mt. Pulaski 9 18
Atlanta	3	15	Riverton* 12 4
Williamsville	20	8	Mt. Pulaski * 0 10

*I. H. S. A. Baseball Tournament held at Riverton.





First Row: L. Gleason, J. Bushnell, R. Hahn, J. Dee, L. Hanner, V. Dennison.

Second Row: Coach Mull, F. Lanterman, R. Mercker, J. Ott, P. Crowe, C. Davis, J. Ward (absent).



Basketball

Our town's basketball team fared well this season. The Redbirds won seventeen games while dropping ten. In the Williamsville Invitational they captured second, losing to Hartsburg-Emden. Elkhart tied with Hartsburg-Emden for second in the Logan-DeWitt Conference after losing the deciding game to Beason on the Beason hardwood. Elkhart finished fourth in the county tournament and was eliminated in the first round of the Lincoln Regional by Green Valley.

Highlights of the season were double conference wins over Hartsburg-Emden, besting them here and on their own floor. An eleven point victory over Atlanta was another feat the Redbirds accomplished. The field goal average for the season was .391, while the free throw average was .511. Next year's prospects are very bright because only two lettermen were lost by graduation.



Left to Right: L. Brennan. N. Van Fossan, K. Walsh, M. Olson.





The record of wins and losses is as follows:

Team		We	They	Team		We	Thev
Hartsburg-Emden		46	41	Hartsburg-Emden		49	46
Kenney		45	25	Kenney		46	33
Lathan		39	30	Latham		43	34
Atlanta		49	38	New Holland		30	29
Middletown		47	17	Hartsburg-Emden		39	44
New Berlin		52	37	Atlanta		40	57
Tallula		38	37	Mt. Pulaski		35	51
Hantahana Day Jan		27		Middletown		54	28
	٠		49	New Holland		20	47
Athens	•	40	60	Waynesville		60	34
New Holland		33	27	Beason		34	48
Waynesville		53	34	Williamsville		53	42
Beason		45	46	Petersburg		42	56
Williamsville		33	30	Green Valley	•		-
		99	90	Green valley		35	47



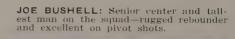


Left to Right: M. Olson, K. Walsh, N. Van Fossan, L. Brennan.



NINETEEN

JOE OTT: Senior Guard, good screener and play-maker—capable of dropping them in from the middle of the court.









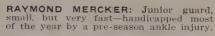


LARRY HANNER: Junior guard, captain, and Bohn Free Throw Winner with a .641 percentage—as good on defense as offense,



BOB HAHN: Junior forward, excellent rebounder on both boards, good passer and consistant scorer.

LEO GLEASON: Sophomore guard—one of the best defensive guards and rebounders in the conference.





JACK DEE: Freshman forward, good rebounder and good shot—should improve rapidly with more experience.

COACH MULL: A man whose heart is with his boys—one who places the individual ahead of fame.





First Row: P. Crowe, J. Dee, V. Dennison, C. Weirhake, P. Awe,

Second Row: Coach Mull, C. Davis, J. Dennison, B. Bertsche, W. Hickey, J. Ward (absent).



Basketball

The second team won eleven games but lost nine. The team gained much valuable experience that will help them in the coming seasons. Height was much more in abundance this season. That, combined with better co-ordination, will be an asset for the 1949-50 season.

The season's record was:

Team							We	They
Hartsburg-En	mde	n					26	19
Kenney .		• : : :				Ĭ	38	10
Atlanta .				i			35	37
Middletown		Ĭ			• 1	•	40	16
Athens .			·	*	•	•	30	37
New Holland	•	•	•	• 7	•	•	24	21
Waynesville	•	•	•	•	•	•	26	
Beason .	•	•	•	•	٠	۰	27	8
Williamsville	•	•	•	•	•	•		20
Hartsburg-Er	ndo.		•	•	٠	•	25	20
Kenney .		11	•	•	٠	•	19	43
	Ę•	•	•	•	•	•	25	18
Latham	•	•	•	•	- 105	^ e •	20	21
Mt. Pulaski	•	•	•	• 50 77	e .		19	25
Middletown	•	•		•		٠	42	17
New Holland	•						30	25
Waynesville) 						38	14
Beason .				•		5.	22	29
Williamsville			rin.				26	30
Petersburg						·	36	43
Latham .							21	23
					•			20



First Row: V. Lanterman, Principal, D. G. Lanterman, C. Drake, J. Smith, J. Miller, R. Curry, R. Leininger, R. Miller, R. Dennison, R. Shawgo, J. Dee.
 Second Row: G. Dennison, F. Buckles, G. Yard, D. Hinds, R. Lercher, L. Grieme, J. Burton, H. Newman, S. Turner, J. Stellar, Coach Mull.

Junior Redbirds

Twenty grade school "Backyard Hoopsters" went out for basketball this year. The team was without experience when the season began, but much was learned by their participation in the games.

Next year these youngsters will begin the season with more experience and the same high spirits which they kept throughout this year.

E. C. G. S. Cheerleaders

Left to right: J. Rickords, J. Lee, C. Walsh, D. Lanterman.





TWENTY-THREE







Mr. John Mull, athletic coach, organized the noon program several years ago. It has aroused so much interest among the students that it has become one of the best recreational programs given in a high school of this size in this part of the state.

Teams are chosen by student captains to play against other teams in tournaments.

The pictures on this page show the champions of a series of these tournaments.

Girls' Basketball

Top Picture, First Row: E. Pickett, M. Olson, V. Yocum. Second Row: G. Suttory, D. Damarin, H. Hall, L. Brennan.

Mixed Volleyball

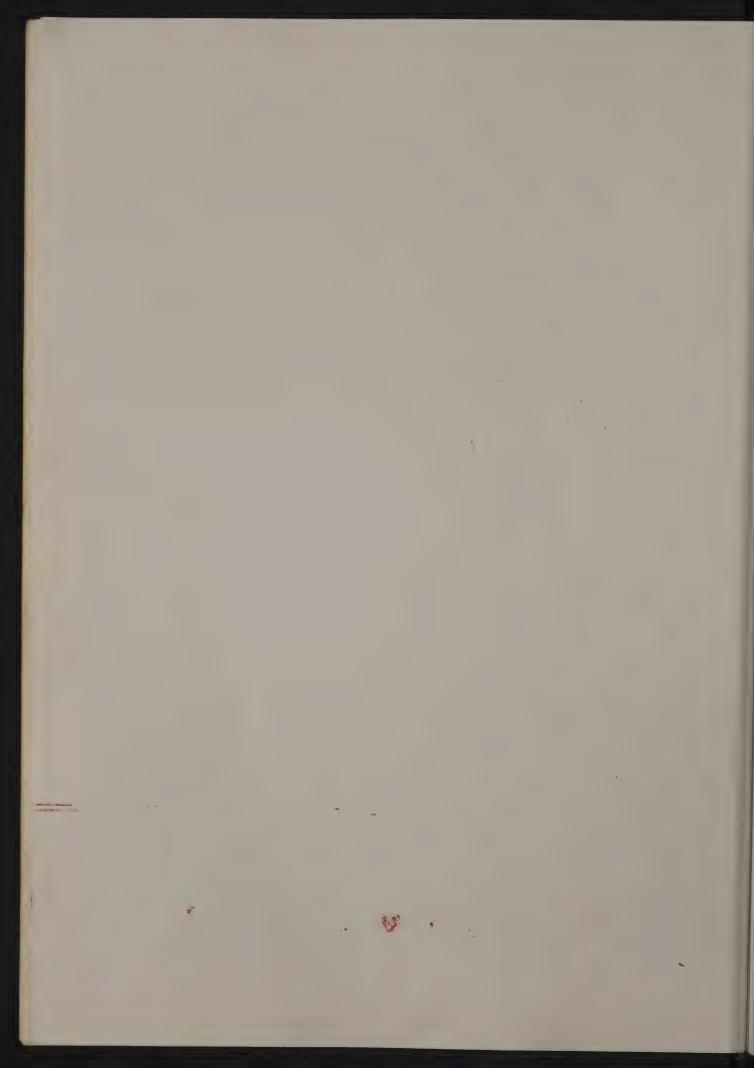
G. King, M. Sanders, L. Brennan, L. Hanner, K. Svenson, R. Lanterman, D. Ball, L. Gleason.

Boys' Basketball

First Row: W. Hickey, P. Crowe, P. Awe.
Second Row: R. Hahn, coach,
L. Carter, B. Bertsche, J. Thompson, D. Sivert, L. Gleason, coach.



ACTIVITIES



Honor "E"



At an assembly held Friday, February 25, Phyllis Walsh, Frances Weatherby, Phyllis Olson and Jack Baumgardner received their silver honor "E's." If these people maintain a 3.25 average for the rest of the year, their silver "E's" will be exchanged for a gold one which the student may keep. Their names will be engraved on the Bohan Scholarship Plaque.

Students who maintain an average of 3.25 or above for the entire four years will be eligible for an honor "E."

Activity "E's" were awarded to Frances Weatherby, Mary Miller, Phyllis Olson, John Radtke, Phyllis Walsh and Clifford Oltmanns at an assembly, February 25. These people have participated in enough extra-curricular activities to earn 90 or more points throughout their four years of high school training.

These "E's" are of red and white felt in script form and are earned by an accumulation of points assigned to activities for which no other award is given.



Activities.
"E"

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TWENTY-SEVEN



First Row: M. Miller, P. Olson, G. King, P. Walsh, M. Tierney, C. Parks.

Second Row: L. Giger, R. Mercker, E. Pickett, D. Damarin, M. Olson, B. Neavill, C. Davis.

Third Row: D. Turner, C. Oltmanns, J. Bushnell, J. Radtke, R. Lanterman, J. Baumgardner.

Echo

The "Town Board" of E. C. H. S. has kept an excellent publicity book for its citizens.

Both semesters have been devoted to earning money to defray the expenses of its publication. The selling of advertising, candy, Coca-Cola, popcorn, and greeting cards helped build a fund of approximately \$700 for this project.

The senior board led in the production of this yearbook. but each member of the junior board contributed articles, or helped in other ways.



First Row: M. Miller, P. Olson, E. Pickett, F. Weatherby, P. Walsh, D. Damarin. Second Row: J. Grohovsky, L. Stolz, D. Ball, J. Ott, D. Gleason, L. Giger. Third Row: D. Turner, C. Oltmanns, J. Bushell, J. Radtke, R. Lanterman, J. Baumgardner.

Echoette

Every community needs a press to keep the public informed of all its activities. Our Town, E. C. H. S., is a progressive little community in that respect, for the Echoette is published bi-monthly and is distributed to all the students, faculty, school board, and the homes in Elkhart who have no children in high school. There is a mailing list of 45 copies including interested alumni and many school exchanges.

The Echoette is a member of the I.S.H.S.P.A., the N.D.P.A. and the N.S.P.A.

This year the staff received a rating of "excellent" on the issues of the first semester by the N.S.P.A. The senior staff produced two color issues — one at Thanksgiving, the other, the Christmas number.

The junior class proved able journalists during the four weeks the seniors were busy with their play and published two issues, one, the Easter copy, in color.

Miss Lucy Giger and Mr. Joe Grohovsky are sponsors of the paper.



First Row: C. Parks, M. Tierney, L. Brennan, K. Svenson, F. Neavill, V. Yocum, N. Davis, K. Walsh, N. Van Fossan,

Second Row: K. Bradley, A. Tierney, B. Bertsche, B. Neavill, E. Pickett, P. Walsh, F. Weatherby, G. King, G. Suttory.

Third Row: M. Olson, M. Sanders, M. Miller, Ball, M. Fields, G. Van Fossan, G. Gieseke, H. Hall, D. Hinds, and P. Olson, accompanist.

Girls' Chorus

Twenty-six girls became members of the "Municipal Choir" this fall.

Every girl in the chorus helped in some way toward the production of the operetta, "Creatures of Impulse."

The girls' trio consisting of Gloria King, second soprano; Charlene Parks, first soprano, and Phyllis Walsh, alto, sang at many banquets, club programs, luncheons, and at the baccalaureate service.

The group as a whole sang at both spring concerts in Lincoln and Elkhart.

The choir was enlarged when Barbara Irish and Ruth Shepherd became full-fledged members during the season.

Phyllis Olson was accompanist for this choir of young singers.



Plummer, W. Hickey, C. Davis, J. Pickett, J. Ward, D. Dains, L. Wilham, W. Dobey, J. Stahl. Second Row: J. Dennison, B. Yard, J. Greer, W. Dennison, V. Dennison, J. Dee, C. Oltmanns, C. Ebbersten, L. Hanner, J. Thompson, K. Bradley.

Third Row: T. Dains, L. Gleason, D. Ball, J. Radtke, J. Ott, R. Lanterman, D. Pankey, W. Payne, M. Dennison, H. Lanterman, G. King, accompanist.

Boys' Glee Club

The Municipal Male Glee Club of Elkhart organized early in September with 24 members.

The full chorus sang "Noel" and "Winter Wonderland" on the Christmas program, took part in the mixed chorus in the Spring concerts at Lincoln and Elkhart, and sang "The Hiking Song" on the program at graduation.

A male quartet composed of Willard Payne, first tenor; Vernelle Dennison, second tenor; Larry Hanner, baritone, and Jim Ward, bass, sang at the senior play. Willard Payne, Vernelle Dennison, Larry Hanner, and Dick Lanterman sang at the F. F. A. Banquet and the Spring Concert.







Operetta

"Creatures of Impulse"

Peter, a village youth . Vernelle Dennison Old Boomblehardt, the village miser Willard Payne Jehanette and Pierette, village girls . Mary Tierney, Lois Brennan Mistress Martha, owner Gloria King Pipette, her niece · · · Charlene Parks Sergeant Klooque of the King's Hussars . . Dick Lanterman The Mysterious Old Lady . Phyllis Walsh Chorus of Village Boys and girls . . . Chorus Members Erma Pickett, Barbara Irish, Joyce Ball, Gwen Suttory, Bernadine Bertsche, Velma Dancers . . Yocum, Georgeann Gieseke, Frances Neavill.

The E. C. H. S. Music department, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Bradley, this year presented something a little different to the community.

A fast moving musical fantasy entitled "Creatures of Impuse" was presented March 11. The cast portrayed a group of poor creatures in a little village in Flanders who were all placed under a spell by the Old Lady. This operetta was not given with the idea of making money, but as an entertaining project. All scenery and props were made by the students of the music department.



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Junior Play

"Mother Does the Talking"

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Wilbur Larry Hanne
Hercules Raymond Mercke
Bernadine Lois Brenna
Betty Lou Mary C. Tierne
Father Maxwell Willard Payr
Mother Maxwell Charlene Park
Connie Karen Svenso
Mr. Hinckly Ralph F. Lanterma
Father Brown Robert Hah
Mother Brown Gladys Van Fossa
Director Joseph Grohovsk

It was vacation time again for the Maxwells. Each had a different plan. After seeing her neighbors come home exhausted, Mrs. Maxwell decided to stay home to get a good start on the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell's parents arrived. Wilbur, Betty Lou and their chums almost caused Mr. Maxwell to lose his job. By the time the vacation ended, everyone was practically unconscious.

The class netted a total of \$80 on the production.

Senior Play

"Guess Again"

Janet Moore, a college girl working at Edgewater Inn . Dorothy D Dorothy Damarin Bill Douglas, a colege boy in love with Janet . . Clifford Oltmanns Henry Grimes, owner and manager of the inn John Radtke Waldo Fitts, porter and general nuisance at the inn . . . Jack Baumgardner Mrs. O. O. Skinner, a guest at the inn . . Mary Miller Dora Mae, her rather fresh daughter Phyllis Olson Olive Ordway, a health faddist . . . Phyllis Walsh Marcella Jenks, a journalistic girl-wonder Erma Pickett Lord Wiggleton, from England . Donald Ball Bertie Blodgett, his valet . David Turner S. H. "Soak-'em Hard" Pratt, the local banker . Richard Lanterman Renee Lamour, a chiseler from Hollywood Barbara Irish Lulu Perkins, a big league newspaper columnist . Frances Weatherby Sol Messer, a movie magnate . Joe Bushell Director Miss Lucy Giger

The dignitaries of E. C. H. S. who had organized the "Little Theater" in Our Town gave their first performance of "Guess Again," a farce-comedy in three acts on Friday, April 8, in the Elkhart High School Auditorium. The scene of the play was laid in Edgewater Inn, a small seaside resort in California that was almost bankrupt.

The audience was kept in spasms of laughter by the antic of Waldo, the hotel porter who had been bitten by the "actor-bug." Then too, the appearance of two Lord Wiggletons kept the audience guessing what the actual outcome of the play would be.

The actors cleared about sixty dollars from the production.





First Row: N. Davis, N. Van Fossan, F. Neavill, V. Yocum, M. Olson, A. Therney, B. Bertsche, K. Walsh, G. Gieseke.
Second Row: G. Suttory, E. Pickett, P. Walsh, F. Weatherby, G. King, B. Neavill, C. Parks, M, Tierney, P. Olson, M. Neill.
Third Row: D. Hinds, M. Sanders, H. Hall, M. Miller, J. Ball, M. Fields, G. Van Fossan, L. Brennan, D. Damarin, K. Svenson.

Future Homemakers

The last meeting of the Homemakers club of "Our Town" was called to order by President Dolores Hinds to review the achievements of the past year. With an enrollment of 28 members, Miss Margaret Neill, club adviser, and Mrs. Hugo Svenson as chapter mother, the club completed a profitable year's work.

To help the new members and the freshmen get acquainted, a wiener roast was held, and they were initiated into the club at a formal initiation.

To raise funds, mystery packages and homemade candy were sold at the annual homecoming, bringing in \$18.38. The club sponsored a bake sale which netted \$29.50.

All through the year the club sponsored an ice cream concession, helped serve banquets, gave a mother-daughter banquet, and prepared the food for the May luncheon of the Household Science club, thus preparing themselves for a future of homemaking.



First Row: J. Bushell, D. Turner, J. Ott, R. Mercker, C. Oltmanns, J. Baumgardner, J. Radtke, L. Hanner, B. Yard, R. Lanterman, D. Ball. Second Row. J. Pickett, H. Carpenter, H. Parker, C. Davis, R. Hubbard. Third Row: W. Stumm, W. Weidhuner, W. Dobey, C. Ebbersten, B. Davis, W. Stolz, L. Gleason, J. Greer, J. Dee, V. Dennison, T. Dains, R. Hahn, L Carter, W. Hickey. Fourth Row: H. Lanterman, J. Dennison, D. Gleason, W. Payne, B. Bertsche, D. Pankey, P. Awe, R. F. Lanterman, D. Dains, P. Crowe, D. Sivert, D. Boyer, J. Thompson, L. Wilham, J. Stahl.

Juture Farmers of America

Last May the Elkhart Chapter of Future Farmers elected the officers mentioned below and drew up the program of work.

Jack Baumgardner		•		•	•	•	• .	. President
Clifford Oltmanns								'Vice-President
John Radtke .	٠	· 5		٠				. Secretary
Raymond Mercker					• 5			. Reporter

In November the officers attended the National F. F. A. Convention at Kansas City, Missouri.

At the sectional judging contest, held at Lincoln, the following members participated in the grain judging: Wayne Dobey, Jack Stahl, and Paul Awe. These boys placed fourth out of twenty-one schools of Section Twelve. Charles Wierhake, Clarence Davis and Larry Wilham represented the poultry judging team, and received sixth placing.

The Elkhart chapter held its annual Parent-Son Banquet this year, serving about 135 persons.

Some of the 42 members plan to attend the state convention held in Urbana in June.



First Row: H. Lanterman, J. Ward, D. Turner, C. Oltmanns, R. Mercker, B. Davis, L. Hanner, R. Hahn, R. Lanterman, J. Radtke, D. Ball.
Second Row. W. W. Ritchie, J. Baumgardner, M. Dennison, D. Pankey, J. Greer, J. Dee, W. Dennison, V. Dennison, T. Dains, J. Stahl, W. Hickey, J. Pickett, R. Hubbard.
Third Row: V. Plummer, J. Dennison, P. Awe, R. F. Lanterman, C. Ebbersten, L. Gleason, D. Dains, P. Crowe, D. Sivert, D. Boyer, L. Wilham, C. Davis.

Sportsmen's Club

The Elkhart Junior Conservation Club received its charter from the State Department on February 21, 1947, and has been cooperating as a regular member.

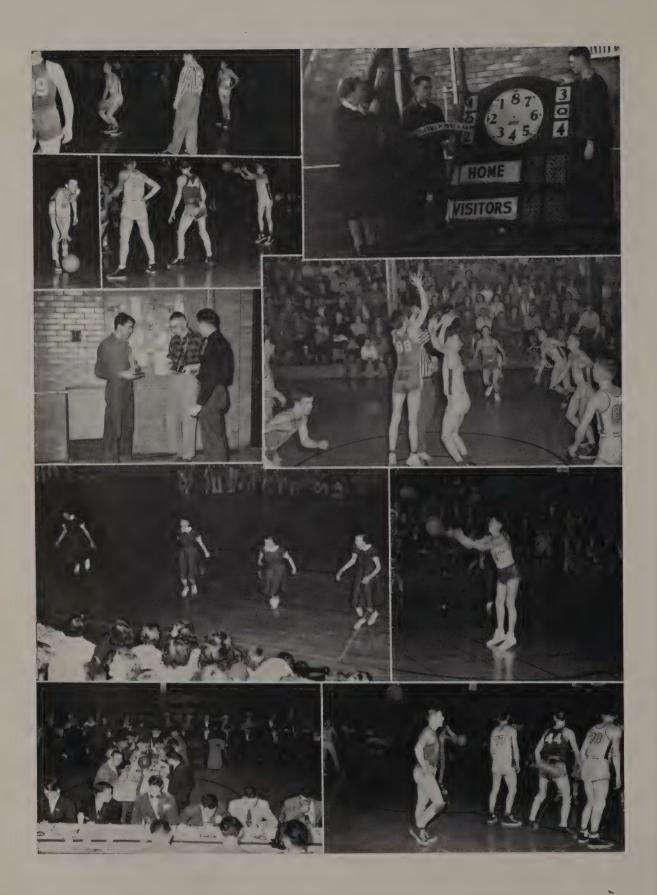
The club has a membership of 27 people who are headed by the following officers: Mr. Ritchie, adviser; Bill Davis, president; Raymond Mercker, vice-president; Larry Hanner, secretary-treasurer; and Bob Hahn, game warden.

The official conservation pledge is: "I give my pledge to save and to faithfully defend from waste the natural forests, waters, and wild life."

The activities of the organization have pertained to conservation, sportsmanship, and safety. Various programs which have been held included contests to see who could name the most kinds of trees, birds, fish, and animals. Exciting and colorful movies on camping, canoeing, fishing, hunting, safety, and conservation of natural resources have also been shown to the club.

A rifle match to determine the best marksman was held in May.







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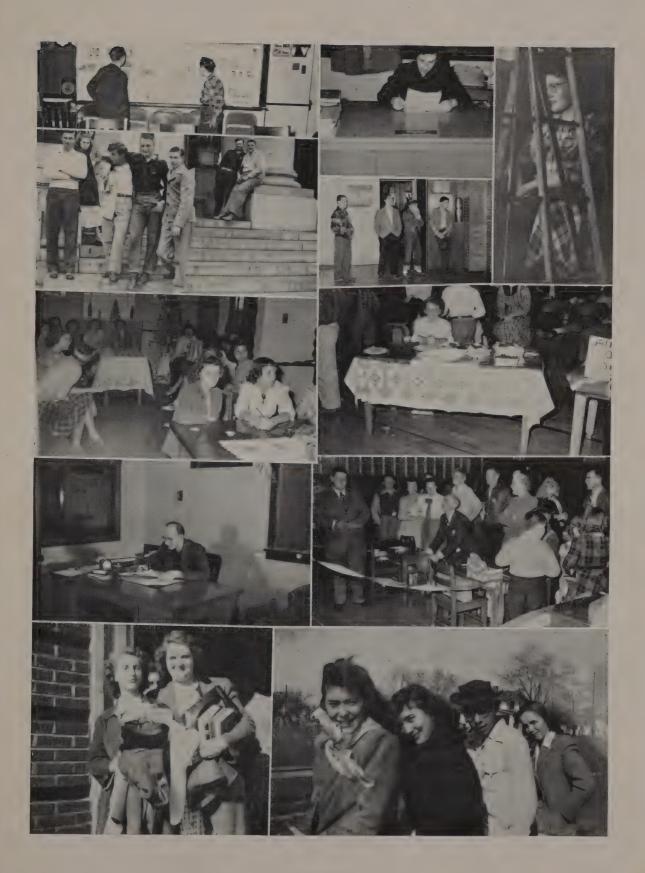
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